

***For Your Information***  
***Weekly***  
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF  
April 17, 2015

**We are currently accepting applications for lifeguards and counselors for summer camp. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Stop by City Hall for an application.**

**We are looking for volunteers to fill vacancies on our Community Redevelopment Advisory Committee and the Planning & Zoning Board. If you are interested in serving your community in either of these capacities, please call City Clerk Marilyn McCorvey for information.**

**Dates to Remember:**

April 20, 2015 – City Commission Meeting

May 2, 2015 – Brown Sugar Festival – Visit their web site [www.1Brownsugarfestival.info](http://www.1Brownsugarfestival.info)

**Staff Reports**

**Community Development Director Reese reports:**

- There was a flashover fire at the Fiberstar area of the citrus plant located on CR833. One employee injured and approximately \$250,000 in damage.
- During Sugar Festival on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, four (4) persons were treated on scene for heat exhaustion and transported to Hendry County Regional Medical Center.
- Mr. Reese conducted a class at the fire house on fire service operations for the Ms. Petersen's Criminal Justice class on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Director Reese is in Orlando for the 2015 Annual Conference of the Florida Floodplain Managers Association held the 15<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Police Chief Gutshall reports:**

- Officers responded to a disturbance at the nursing home. Elderly patients were having a disagreement. Peace was restored without further action on our part.
- Patrol received a call of a disturbance at HRMC. A patient had become unruly demanding stronger pain medication. The subject was removed from the area and transported back to his home.
- A man on West Obispo was arrested for domestic battery in the beating of his live-in girlfriend. He was transported to the county jail.
- Officer McLeod conducted a traffic stop for speeding late in the week. As she was conducting the stop, she discovered a significant amount of cocaine and marijuana. The suspect was arrested for various drug offenses and transported to jail.
- A domestic disturbance on West Avenida Del Rio was reported. Officers responded to separate the parties. The boyfriend chose to leave the residence.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:

<b>1033</b>	Commercial / Residential Security Checks
<b>558</b>	Complaints Investigated
<b>54</b>	Traffic Citations
<b>18</b>	Arrests Made
<b>69</b>	Merchant Escorts Provided
<b>12</b>	Alarms Responded To
<b>31</b>	Red Light Camera Violations
<b>26</b>	City Ordinance / Code Violations
<b>3</b>	Traffic Accidents Investigated

#### **Public Works Director Scheffler reports:**

- Mosquito Control: The ground and air mission scheduled for this week had to be canceled because of weather conditions. We will monitor traps before scheduling the next treatments.
- Street Maintenance: (1) The contractor started painting street markings on Ventura on Thursday and finished on Friday. (2) Staff planted eight (8) Live Oaks donated to the City by U.S. Sugar; six (6) went to the Golf Course and two (2) were planted in the park behind the Clewiston Inn. (3) Staff painted street markings and added RPMs on Ponce de Leon at Balboa. Staff also painted the double yellow lines at intersections adjacent to US27. (4) Staff spent an afternoon spreading sand in the south alley and on South San Pedro, from a cooking oil spill from Popeye's Chicken. Staff will have to sweep the area and clean storm drains after the oil is absorbed in the sand.
- Sugar Festival: A special thanks goes to the Public Works, Recreation, and Utility staff that worked the festival on Saturday. Everyone worked hard keeping the grounds clean and quickly tearing down the event after the last song was sung. In all, three tons of garbage was picked up.

#### **Utilities Director Williams reports:**

- The Water/Sewer crew is replacing a 2" line and running new services on West Crescent and Diaz Place.
- The Electric crew is replacing an underground line in the 200 block of Ridgewood Avenue. Trees have been trimmed on Ponce de Leon. A broken utility pole was replaced behind Roland Martin's Marina earlier this week.
- No major problems occurred for Utilities during the Sugar Festival.
- April is Safe Digging Month. REMEMBER TO CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!



- Please remember to register with CodeRed (Reverse 911). This system allows us to contact you in case of an emergency or with other informational announcements. You may register by clicking on the CodeRed link at the bottom or the City's website page

[www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov). You may update your information at any time through the same link.

- If you are considering replacing your air conditioner or insulation remember the City offers a rebate program for those items. Most local contractors participate in the program and can give you information. You can also visit our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov) or call our office.
- **ONLINE UTILITY PAYMENT IS NOW AVAILABLE!** Our Online Utility Website is up and running. Payments can be made by credit or debit card. You can also review your account activity, consumption history and request certain work orders. You can register your account by visiting our website at [www.clewiston-fl.gov](http://www.clewiston-fl.gov).